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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY: MAY 6

1. SUMMARY: AD HOC CONSULTATIONS OF 13 GENEVA-BASED MISSIONS HELD AT
US

MISSION MAY 6 UNDER US CHAIRMANSHIP TO DISCUSS AGENDA OF FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO). PRINCIPAL
ITEMS WERE ADOPTION OF PROGRAM BUDGET, ELECTION
OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP ISSUES, SELECTION OF HEAD-
QUARTERS SITE, AND NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AT MADRID TO
COORDINATE POSITIONS AND NOMINATE REGIONAL CANDIDATES TO FILL
POSTS ALLOCATED UNDER PRINCIPLE OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.

2. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION OF MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOWS:

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: GROUP AGREED TO SUPPORT
HEAD OF SPANISH DELEGATION FOR ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT. THERE WAS
AGREEMENT HE WOULD WIN ELECTION WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF ASSEMBLY:
JAPANESE DEL RAISED ISSUE OF WTO INVITING FORMER IUOTO MEMBERS

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WHO HAD NOT OPTED TO UTILIZE ARTICLE 42 TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY AS

OBSERVERS. (SYG HAD OPPOSED AS THERE IS NO PROVISION IN RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR INVITING OBSERVERS FROM STATES, ONLY FROM UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS). IT WAS AGREED OBSERVERS, EXPECTED TO BE FROM EMBASSIES IN MADRID, COULD FOLLOW ASSEMBLY FROM PUBLIC GALLERIES AT PALACIO DES CONGRESOS.

ITEM 5: ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS. THERE WAS AGREEMENT FIVE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS SHOULD EACH CAUCUS AT MADRID TO NOMINATE THEIR OWN VP CANDIDATE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR PRESIDENT AND HIS VICE PRESIDENTS TO SERVE AS STEERING COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT ASSEMBLY'S CALENDAR OF WORK.

ITEM 6: ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES: POSSIBLE NEED FOR MORE COMMITTEES THAN TWO DESIGNATED BY SYG; NAMELY, CREDENTIALS AND RESOLUTIONS, WAS CONSIDERED. POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS CONSIDERED. (SYG HAD OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMITTEE BECAUSE HE FEARED PROLONGED DEBATE WOULD RESULT THUS PROLONGING ASSEMBLY. HE FAVORS ASSIGNING THIS WORK TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS NOTED UNDER ITEM 11 BELOW).

ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: EC GROUP INTENDS TO TABLE RESOLUTION AT TIME OF DEBATE ON THIS ITEM CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF FINANCIAL RULES 9 AND 12 (ATTACHED TO STATUTES) IN VIEW OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT THESE RULES DURING 1975.

ITEM 8: FORMULA FOR FIXING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS: ALTHOUGH THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT LUSAKA FORMULA WOULD BE ADOPTED, THERE WERE FEARS THAT SOME LDC MEMBERS MIGHT TRY TO TINKER WITH IT. IT WAS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT FORMULA ONCE ADOPTED, WOULD BE FIRST APPLIED ON BASIS OF STATUTORY RARITIFICATION MEMBERS (NOT ARTICLE 42) ONLY.

ITEM 11: ADOPTION OF PROGRAM BUDGET: MOST FELT SYG'S ASKING BUDGET OF \$6 MILLION FOR BIENNIUM 1976-7 WAS TOO HIGH, ALTHOUGH SWITZERLAND AND BELGIUM INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT THIS FIGURE. MOST FAVORED BIENNIAL BUDGET OF FROM \$3 TO \$4 MILLION, OR \$1.5 TO \$2 MILLION PER YEAR. ALL AGREED THAT DELAYS IN RECRUITING STAFF WOULD RENDER FIRST YEAR BUDGET (ON PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL DIVISION OF BIENNIAL BUDGET) UNREALSITIC. GROUP WAS CONCERNED HOW PROGRAM WOULD BE WORKED OUT AND WAS INFORMED SYG PLANNED TO ASK ASSEMBLY TO AGREE ON SERIES OF PROGRAM PRIORITIES. THESE PRIORITIES TOGETHER WITH AN ASSEMBLY APPROVED BUDGET CEILING WOULD THEN BE PASSED ON TO NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO WORK INTO A FINAL PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976-7. COUNCIL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO WORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS OUT IN COURSE OF BALANCE OF YEAR 1975. GROUP AGREED TO CONSULT FURTHER ABOUT THIS AGENDA ITEM AT MADRID.

ITEM 12: TRANSPER OF IUOTO'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS: IT WAS UNDERSTOOD SYG FAVORED ASSIGNMING TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SURVEILLANCE OF TRANSFER OF IUOTO'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. GROUP HAD NO OBJECTION TO HIS PROPOSAL.

ITEM 14: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: GROUP AGREED GEOGRAPHIC GROUNDPS WOULD NEED TO CAUCUS AT MADRID TO NOMINATE

CONDIDATES FOR COUNCIL.WITH 94 MEMBERS WTO WOULD, ACCORDING TO ITS STATUTUES, HAVE COUNCIL OF 18.8 MEMBERS. GROUP AGREED THIS SHOULD BECOME 19 MEMBERS. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT IF WTO HAS FIVE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES ONE REGION WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THREE INSTEAD OF FOUR MEMBERS AS 19 DOES NOT DIVIDE UP EVENLY FOR FIVE GROUPINGS.

ITEM 15: APPOINTMENT OF SECREARY GENERAL: FRENCH DEL INDICATED IT WOULD PREFER THAT ANOTHER DELEGATION NOMINATE SYG AD INTERIM LONATI FOR PERMANENT POST OF SYG AND THAT THEY WOULD SECOND NOMINATION. GROUP BELIEVED LONATI WOULD BE ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

ITEM 17: MEMBERSHIP OF WTO: UNDER ITEM (A) STATES MEMBERS, GROUP RECOGNIZED THAT ISSUE OF ROC MEMBERSHIP WOULD ARISE AND POSSIBLY QUESTION OF SUCCESSIONOF KHMER REPUBLIC AND REPUBLIC OF VIEW NAM, BOTH MEMBERS. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT NONE OF THREE COUNTRIES WOULD SEND DELEGATIONS TO MADRID, BUT THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE REGARDING LATTER TWO.

ITEM 18: DECISION REGARDING LOCATION OF ORGANIZATIONS'S HEADQUARTERS: GROUP WAS INFORMED THAT KENYA, BY TELEGRAM, HAD JUST OFFERED NAIROBI AS SITE FOR HEADQUARTERS. THIS WOULD MAK 8 CANDIDACIES, BUT NAIROBI'S CANDIDACY WAS NOT DOCUMENTED WITH DETAILS ABOUT FACILITIES OFFERED. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THIS WOULD MAKE THEIR CANDIDACY LESS VIABLE. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT MEXICO INTENDED TO SUBMIT RESOLTUION, PRESUMABLY ADOPTABLE BY A MAJORITY VOTE, CALLING ON ASSEMBLY TO AGREE THAT SITE OF HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE INA DEVELOPING COUNTRY. MEXICO IS FOLLOWING PROCEDURE USED AT UNGA WHEN LATTER ADOPTED A SIMILAR RESOLUTION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,A RESOLUTION THAT WAS COUPLED WITH DESIGNATION OF NAIROBI AS SEAT OF THAT AGENCY. ROLL CALL OF AD HOC GROUP SHOWED 11 OF 13 MISSIONS REPRESENTED FAVORING GENEVA ON FIRST BALLOT, WITH US AND USSR FAVORING ZAGREB ON FIRST BALLOT. USSR'S SECOND BALLOT WOULD BE FOR GENEVA, SOV DEL SAID.

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ITEMS 19 AND 20: DRAFT AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND RELATIONS BETWEEN UN AND WTO AND PARTICIPATION OF WTO IN UNDP. GROUP HAD NO OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEING ASSIGNED TO OVERSEE EXECUTION OF THESE TWO AGREEMENTS WHICH ASSEMBLY WOULD AUTHORIZE SYG TO NEGOTIATE WITH UN AND UNDP.

3. BESIDES US, REPRESENTATIVES OF FOLLOWING MISSIONS ATTENDED CONSULTATIONS: AUSTRIA,BELGIUM,CANADA,FRG, FRANCE,IRELAND,JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND,NETHERLANDS,SWITZERLAND, UK AND USSR. ABRAMS

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